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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Soviet Analysis Program for 1983

1. The SOVA research plan is very impressive. I have three suggestions:

-- On the Soviet National Security Doctrine and Relations with the West, work on understanding the Kremlin's strategic and military objectives in arms control efforts seems to me to be worth continuing research. What constraints are they trying to put on us? What are they trying to keep themselves free to do? What propaganda and diplomatic aims do they have? There seems to be little specific attention to what's happening among the Soviet population -- consumer, demographic, youth, minority attitudes and activities. Specifically, work on control of dissidents, for example, and these subjects may embrace public groupings and attitudes but you may want to consider giving this more explicit attention.

-- Again there seems to be little explicit attention to seeking a better understanding of how the Soviet mechanism for contention and decision functions.

-- I would like to see explicit attention to the Soviet doctrine and capability in the use of second echelon forces and "operational maneuver groups" and their understanding and reaction to the battlefield and depth strategy which the US Army is developing and which General Rogers and others have gone public on.

2. What do you think about some kind of an exercise in which these research programs are discussed with relevant DDO and Community collection offices with a view to pinpointing where special collection efforts would offer the prospects of critical contribution to work on these subjects? The objective of such an exercise would be to educate and sensitize analysts to the use of the collection mechanism, and focus their attention on factual information which could be decisive in formulating or testing judgments.

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